REMARKS

Claims 1-12 were present in issued U.S. Patent No. 5,218,561 (the "'561 patent" hereafter). Of these claims, claims 1 and 7 have been amended. New claims 13-29 have been added. No new matter has been introduced. Thus, claims 1-29 are submitted for consideration at this time.

Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found, for example, in col. 3, lines 24-29.

Support for the amendment to claim 7 can be found, for example, in col. 3, lines 38-45 of the '561 patent.

Support for new claims 13 and 19 can be found, for example, in col. 1, lines 13-14 of the '561 patent.

Support for new claims 14, 20 and 26 can be found, for example, in col. 14, lines 66-67 of the '561 patent.

Support for new claims 15, 16, and 27 can be found, for example, in col. 5, lines 63-68 of the '561 patent.

Support for new claims 21, 22 and 28 can be found, for example, in col. 6, line 67 through col. 7, line 4.

Support for new claim 17 can be found, for example, in col. 11, lines 16-30 of the '561 patent.

Support for new claim 23 can be found, for example, in col. 12, lines 13-19 of the '561 patent

Support for new claim 18 can be found, for example, in col. 5, lines 31-61 of the '561 patent.

Support for new claim 24 can be found, for example, in col. 6, lines 49-66, of the '561 patent

Support for new claim 25 can be found, for example, in col. 6, lines 3-66 of the '561 patent.

Support for new claim 29 can be found, for example, in col. 6, lines 3-66 of the '561 patent.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

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